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SUBJECT: PRESS REACTION TO OAS FREEDOM OF ACTION DECISION.

1. THE URUGUAYAN PRESS REACTED TO THE OAS ORGAN OF CONSULTATION DECISION IN MUCH THE SAME WAY AS DID THE GOU, STRONGLY AND ADVERSELY.

2. THE CONSERVATIVE EL DIARIO WAS HIGHLY CRITICAL OF THE OAS DECISION, ARGUING EDITORIALY THAT THE ISSUE AT TAKE WAS NOT THE PRINCIPLE OF IDEOLOGICAL PLURALISM BUT RATHER THE "OTHER, MORE VITAL, OF NON-INTERVENTION, WHOSE PRESERAVATION IS INDISPENSABLE TO THE ORDERED AND PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE OF NATIONS OF THE AREA". THE EDITORIAL REITERATED THAT CUBA CONTINUED TO EXPOUSE AND SUPPORT SUBVERSION AND STATED THAT THE FREEDOM OF ACTION RESOLUTION WAS A "HAUGHTY DESERTION" OF SOME COUNTRIES DESPITE THE FACT THAT THE CONDITIONS LEADING TO THE ORIGINAL SANCTIONS WERE STILL PRESENT. "OUT OF THIS WHOLE DARK EPISODE... EMERGES ONLY A STRONG, NEGATIVE OUTCOME FOR THE UNITY, THE PRESTIGE AND FUTURE OF THE WHIPPED HEMISPHERE SOCIETY. THE DIZZY AND INTENTIONAL RESOLUTION OF SAN JOSE, COSTA RICA, CAN ONLY SERVE TO GRATIFY WITH ADDITIONAL

PRIVILEGES THE CAUSE OF SUBVERSION WHICH THE INCREASED PRESENCE OF CUBAN DIPLOMATIC AND COMMERCIAL REPRESENTATIVES FROM WHOSE BACK ROOMS PLANS FOR SEDITION WILL GAIN NEW IMPULSE AND DIMENSION."

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3. THE NATIONALISTIC, PRO-MILITARY LA MANANA PROCLAIMED THE

DECISION AS "HAVING COMPLETED ONE OF LATIN AMERICAN COMMUNISM'S PRIORITY COMMITMENTS." IT PICKED UP WHERE EL DIARIO LEFT OFF THE PREVIOUS DAY IN AN EDITORIAL WHICH WENT ON TO ATTACK THE U.S. FOR HAVING CHANGED ITS VOTE (FROM QUITO). "WE HAD SUGGESTED BEFORE THAT IN A DIVIDING OF HEGEMONIES IN THE WORLD, PERHAPS CUBA HAD BEEN TRADED OFF, IN SOME SUMMIT MEETING, FOR VIETNAM." THERE FOLLOWED CONJECTURE THAT PRESIDENT FORD, "ACTING AS A CANDIDATE AND NOT AS CHIEF OF STATE," MIGHT HAVE BEEN TRYING TO NEUTRALIZE SOME DEMOCRATIC SENATORS AND TO CONFUSE LEFTIST ELEMENTS OF THE ELECTORATE.

IN THE NEXT PARAGRAPH THE EDITORIAL SAID, "WE NEVER IMAGINED, NEVER-THELESS, THAT THE FAVORABLE ABSTENTION OF THE QUITO MEETING WOULD BE TRANSFORMED SO RAPIDLY INTO AN AFFIRMATIVE VOTE... THE BACKWARDS STEP OF THE UNITED STATES IS PRODUCED UNDER VERY PARTICULAR CIRCUMSTANCES. THE EXPULSION OF THREE CUBAN DIPLOMATS FROM FRANCE AND THE VISIT OF THE PORTUGUESE SECURITY CHIEF, GENERAL OTELO SARAIVA DE CARVALHO, TO HAVANA BEFORE ASSUMING HIS POST ON THE TRIUMVIRATE OF THE DICTATORSHIP...DEMONSTRATES THAT THE CASTRO REGIME CONTINUES CARRYING OUT ITS TASKS TO BRING ABOUT... THE COMMUNIST IMPERIALISM...IN THE FUTURE SUCH ACTIVITIES (OF SUBVERSIVES IN LATIN AMERICA) WILL BE HELPED, ENCOURAGED AND FACILITATED BY THIS RESOLUTION OF SURRENDER OF THE XVI MEETING OF CONSULTATION OF THE OAS."

4. NEITHER OF THE MAJOR MORNING DAILIES, EL PAIS AND LA MANANA, HAS COMMENTED EDITORIALY AS YET. EL PAIS, HOWEVER, MADE CLEAR ITS LEANINGS THROUGH HEADLINES SUCH AS "CUBA REHABILITATED DESPITE CONSTANT INTERVENTION."

5. ALL PAPERS GAVE HEAVY COVERAGE TO BOTH THE GOU'S DENUNCIATIONS AND TO WIRE SERVICE STORIES FROM SAN JOSE AND OTHER CAPITALS. SIRACUSA

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